

TABLE 3.5 MANITOBA ECE CAPACITY TO PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP TO MARCH 31, 2023

Child Ages	Number of Children ^a	Licensed Child Care/ Preschool	School-based Kindergarten/ Nursery Enrolment	Other ECE Programs	Capacity to % of Children
0 to <24 months	30,839	3,294			
24 months to <5 years	50,626	17,019 ^b	2,103 ^{c,d}	475 ^{f,g}	39%^h
5 years	17,522		14,466 ^{d,e}		

^a. Statistics Canada. Table 17-10-0005-01. Population estimates on July 1, 2022, by age and sex (accessed on January 10, 2023).

^b. Capacity is estimated. Manitoba licensed early learning care spaces and age groupings do not match the age groupings in this report. To avoid double counting, the percentage of 4- and 5-year-olds attending nursery is deducted from the child care count. Children enrolled in licensed early learning and child care facilities may or may not also be attending a nursery program or Kindergarten in a school. These are not mutually exclusive categories. Please see Methodology for calculation details.

^c. Reflects 4-year-olds in school-based nursery programs and may not reflect the full number of children enrolled in nursery programs in public schools as school divisions are not required to report this number, are exempt from licensing, and are therefore not included in ELCC data. Source: Personal communication. Government of Manitoba. Department of Education. October 5, 2023.

^d. Government of Manitoba. Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning. *Enrolment Report*. Retrieved from: https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/finance/sch_enrol/enrolment_2022.pdf

^e. Does not include students who are home-schooled.

^f. Estimate based on Manitoba's 19 AHS centres. See Methodology for detailed calculation. Retrieved from: <https://www.mbaboriginalheadstart.ca/>

^g. The government of Manitoba does not license First Nations child care programs. Funding for First Nations child care is provided by the federal government. Retrieved from: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-ISC-SAC/DAM-HLTH/STAGING/texte-text/family-health-head-start-ahsor_fn-standards-guide_1582214848065_eng.pdf

^h. Manitoba experienced a reduction in the number of child care spaces in 2020-22 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

